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Members of the Committee,

My name is Corrianne Gagliardi and I am the Director of Development and Communications for the Lupus Foundation of America, Connecticut Chapter, and I'm here today to testify on behalf of bill 373, 'AN ACT LIMITING CHANGES TO HEALTH INSURERS' PRESCRIPTION DRUG FORMULARIES'. I am in support of this bill because of the direct impact it has on my constituents. Lupus patients often struggle with medication options, which are far and few between, as no two patients are alike. Once they are prescribed a medication that is working for their particular symptoms, that medication is commonly the tool that keeps them alive. Changing medication, especially with this disease, can be life threatening. On behalf of all those affected by lupus, I encourage you to support this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today on this important issue and I / the Connecticut Chapter of the Lupus Foundation of America, ask that you support bill 373, an act limiting changes to health insurers prescription drug formularies.

Thank you,

Corrianne Gagliardi

Director of Development & Communications